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Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner (ARNP) LICENSE RENEWAL INSTRUCTIONS

The ARNP license renewal is available sixty (60) days prior to expiration. Application for ARNP Renewal is available on the Iowa Board of Nursing website. Choose *IBON Online Services – Renew an Existing RN, LPN or ARNP License*

Please follow these steps:

STEP 1: Renew the RN license before proceeding to the ARNP renewal.

- For Iowa residents or residents of noncompact states, complete the application for renewal of the Iowa RN license.
- Residents of compact states must first renew their RN license in their primary state of residence.

STEP 2: Renew the ARNP license.

- Complete the online application and pay the fee of \$81.00.

STEP 3: Submit the required documentation:

- Residents of compact states must submit documentation that the RN license in the primary state of residence has been renewed. Any one of the following is deemed acceptable:
 - A copy of an active RN license in the compact state that includes an expiration date and the multistate status of the compact license
 - Copy of an online verification from the website of the other compact state
 - Copy of the verification printed from www.nursys.com, "QuickConfirm"
- A copy of your current advanced level certificate by an approved national certifying body indicating population focus, current issue and expiration dates.
- A completion certificate for at least two (2) contact hours of opioid continuing education per the CDC guidelines.

- The renewal cannot be completed until all the required documentation has been received. This can be submitted by any of the following methods:
 - Ground mail to the Iowa Board of Nursing, 400 SW 8th St., Suite B, Des Moines, IA 50309-4685
 - Fax to the attention of "ARNP renewals" at 515.281.4825
 - Scan and send as an email attachment to ARNPREN@iowa.gov

Continuing Education Requirements

The continuing education required by the national certifying body is deemed to meet the continuing education requirement mandated by Iowa law for ARNP license renewal. Documentation of current certification in itself verifies compliance. The ARNP certification also meets the continuing education requirement for renewal of an RN license. If selected for a continuing education audit when renewing your RN license, you may submit an additional copy of the current national certification card as evidence of compliance with the continuing education requirement.

ARNPs who regularly examine, attend, counsel or treat children or adults in Iowa are required to complete training related to the identification and reporting of child/dependent adult abuse, and must submit documentation if the RN license is selected for continuing education audit. See the mandatory reporter training requirements at nursing.iowa.gov.

An ARNP who has prescribed opioids to a patient during the renewal cycle is required to complete a minimum of two contact hours of continuing education (CE) regarding the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guideline for prescribing opioids for chronic pain, including recommendations on limitations on dosages and the length of prescriptions, risk factors for abuse, and nonopioid and nonpharmacologic therapy options. See the opioid prescribing training requirements at nursing.iowa.gov.

ARNPs who supervise the use of fluoroscopic x-ray equipment are required to have the appropriate education and continued annual radiological safety updates. See the fluoroscopy training requirements at nursing.iowa.gov.

Nurse Practice Act

Registered nurses are accountable for the practice of nursing in accordance with current Iowa laws and administrative rules. A nurse practicing under the nurse licensure compact must comply with the state practice laws of the state in which the patient is located at the time care is rendered.

The National Transportation Safety Board reminds you to routinely discuss with patients the effect a person's diagnosed medical conditions or prescription medications may have on his or her ability to safely operate a vehicle in any mode of transportation.